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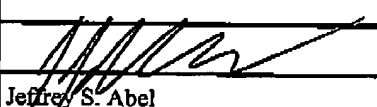
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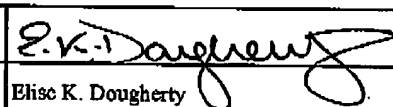
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Dear Sir:

The USPTO has restricted claims 1-49 of this application into Group I (claims 1-10), Group II (claims 14-17), Group III (claims 18 and 19), Group IV (claims 20-29), Group V (claims 30-44), Group VI (claims 45-47) and Group VII (claims 48 and 49).

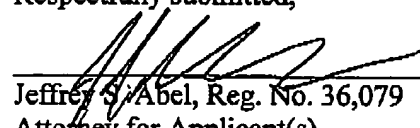
Applicant(s) elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-10) and provisionally withdraw the non-elected claims of Groups II, III, IV, V, VI and VII. The restriction is respectfully traversed in order to preserve the issue for subsequent petition since the examination of all of the claims is not believed to create an undue burden on the USPTO and that the subject matter among the groups is not independent and distinct as required by statute. Furthermore, different classifications as recited by the USPTO are not independent adequate grounds for restriction since the USPTO has historically examined applications containing multiple sets of claims.

In summary, Applicants elect the claims of Group I for further prosecution and provisionally withdraw the non-elected claims from consideration. Reconsideration and further prosecution on the merits of at least the claims of Group I are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,


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